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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated October 22, 2002, and is submitted in
accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 1.21.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of three inventions of the claimed invention. Applicants hereby elect for prosecution Group II which is drawn to an apparatus and method for reducing barycenter movement of read positions of a plurality of color components in the subscanning direction that is generated by afterglow characteristics of the plurality of color components contained in the light source for illuminating the original. Applicants believe that claims 15-28 and 43-50 are readable on the invention included in this Group II.